

MS : PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: Y. NAKAYA
Serial No. 10/262,934
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Group Art Unit: 2613
Examiner: H. BRITTON
For: METHOD OF CODING AND DECODING IMAGE

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
MS: Patent Application
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/262,934, filed on October 3, 2002, entitled METHOD OF CODING AND DECODING IMAGE, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.
2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee								\$ 770.00
Total Claims	4	-	20	=	0	x	18	=
Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0	x	84	=
Total Filing Fee								\$ 770.00

3. A check including the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed
to cover the Filing Fee.

4. Cancel claims 1-42 before calculating the Filing Fee.
A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any
additional fees which may be required, or to credit any
overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417. A duplicate copy
of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the
first line:

This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No.
10/262,934, filed October 3, 2002, which is a continuation
application of U.S. Serial No. 09/987,212, filed November 13,
2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,483,877, which is a continuation
application of U.S. Serial No. 09/694,686, filed October 24,
2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,442,205, which is a continuation

application of U.S. Serial No. 09/438,528, filed November 12, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,178,202, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 08/819,628, file March 17, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,008,852. This application is related to U.S. Serial No. 10/262,936, filed October 3, 2002.

7. New drawings are enclosed, sixteen (16) sheets, Figs. 1-21.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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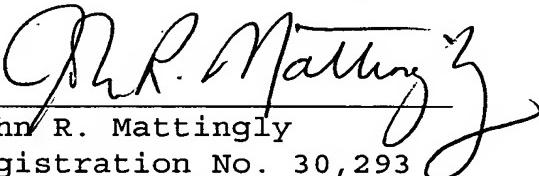
9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.

10. Priority of the following Japanese patent applications is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 8-060572, filed March 18, 1996.

The certified priority document has been filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 10/262,934, as originally filed on October 3, 2002.



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